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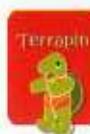
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# Anju and the Stream

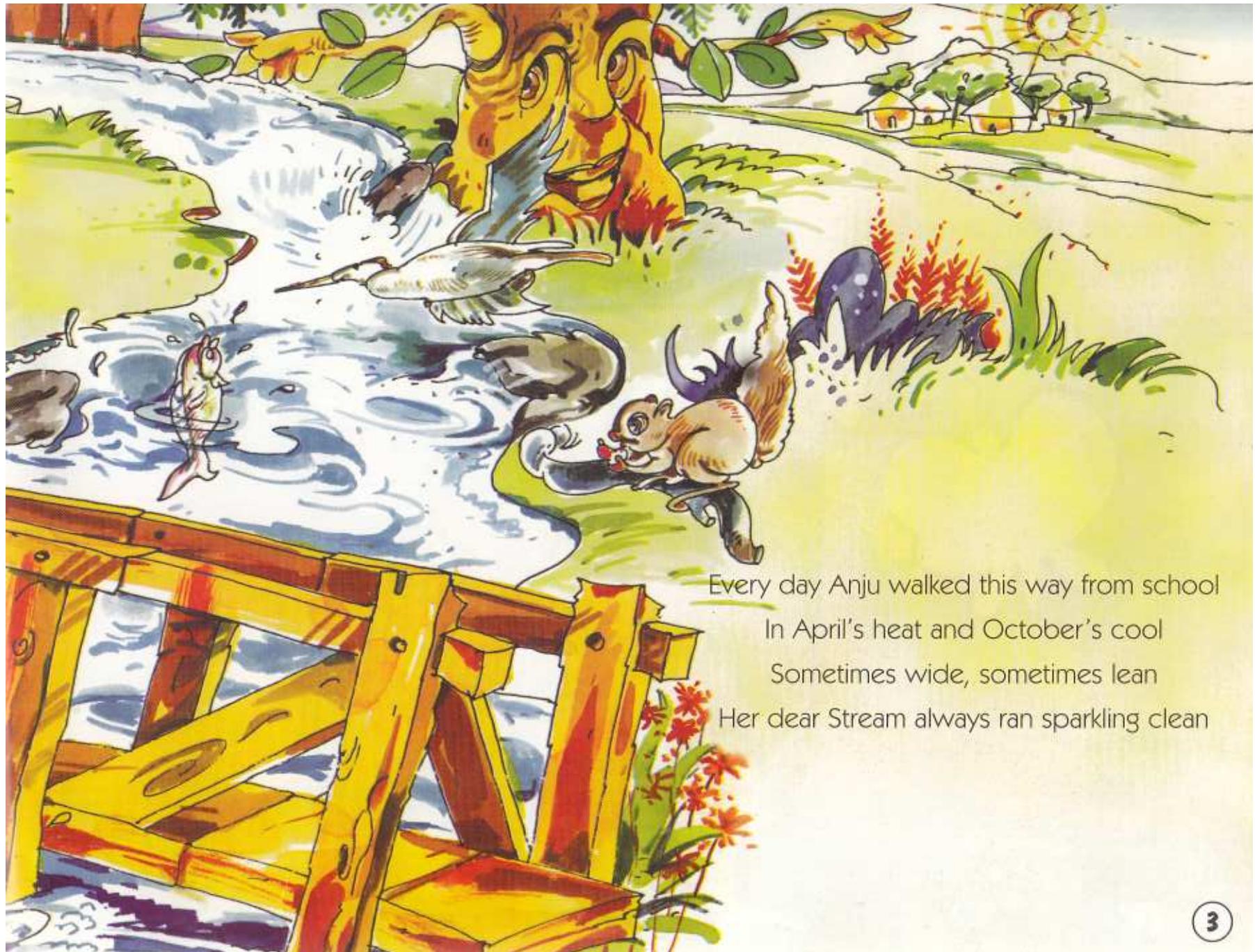


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Anju loved the merry little Stream  
Rippling and flowing like a blue-green dream!  
Fish leapt and danced in its waters clear  
To fish for fish came birds—from far and near...

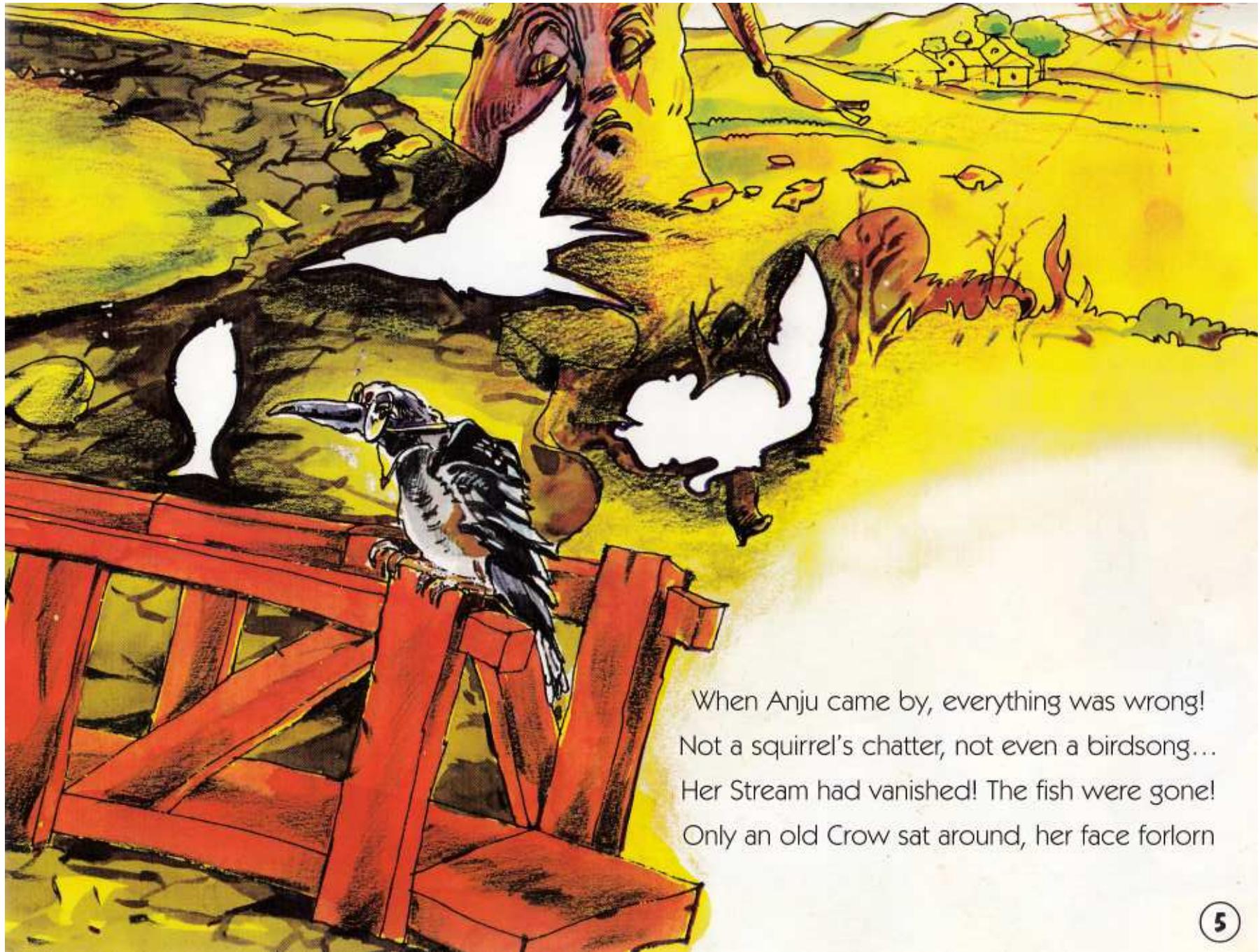




Every day Anju walked this way from school  
In April's heat and October's cool  
Sometimes wide, sometimes lean  
Her dear Stream always ran sparkling clean

But one hot summer, the Stream fell sick  
Weaker and thinner, while weeds grew thick...  
Where clear waters once flowed, refreshing to drink  
Were smelly puddles and pools, dark as ink!

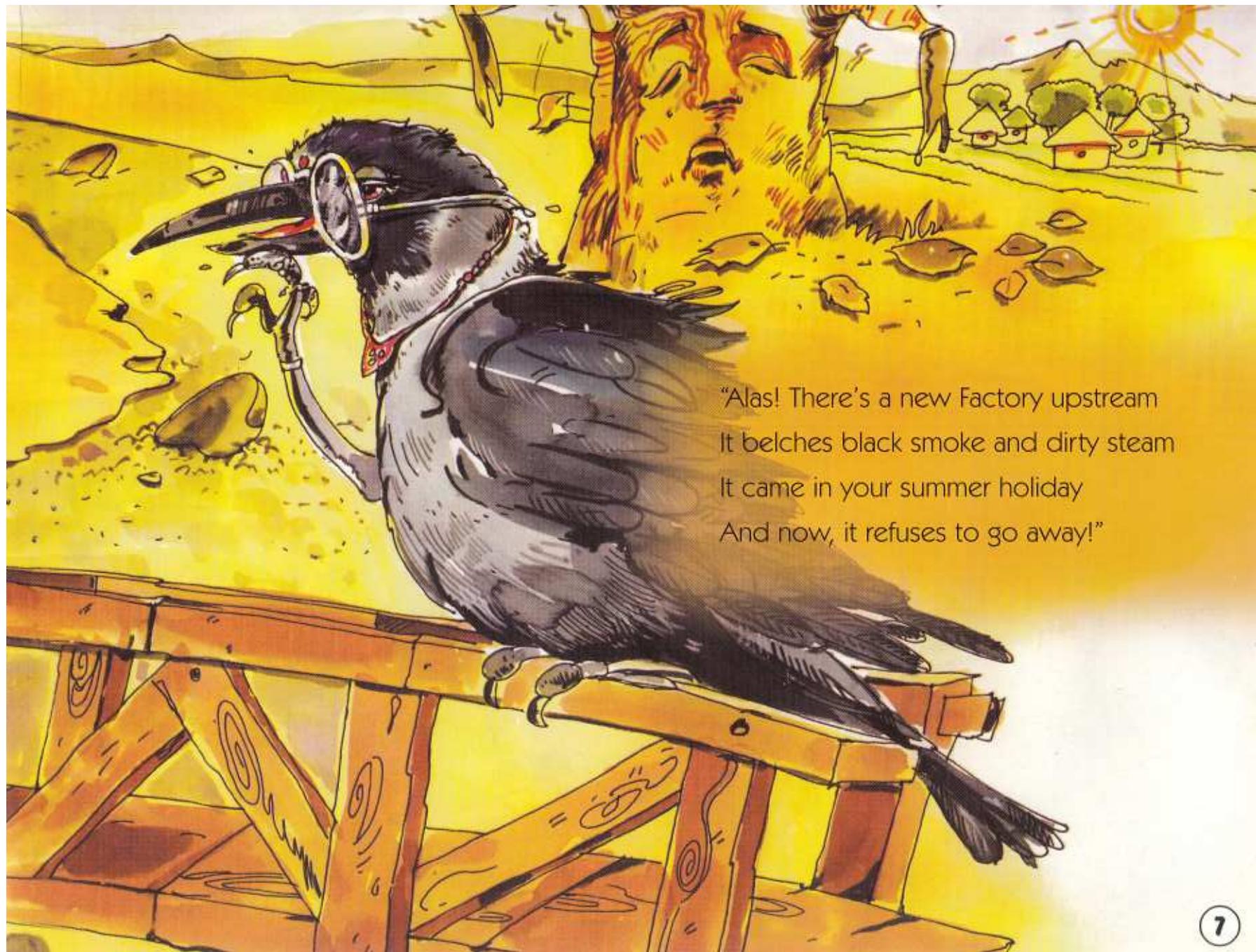




When Anju came by, everything was wrong!  
Not a squirrel's chatter, not even a birdsong...  
Her Stream had vanished! The fish were gone!  
Only an old Crow sat around, her face forlorn

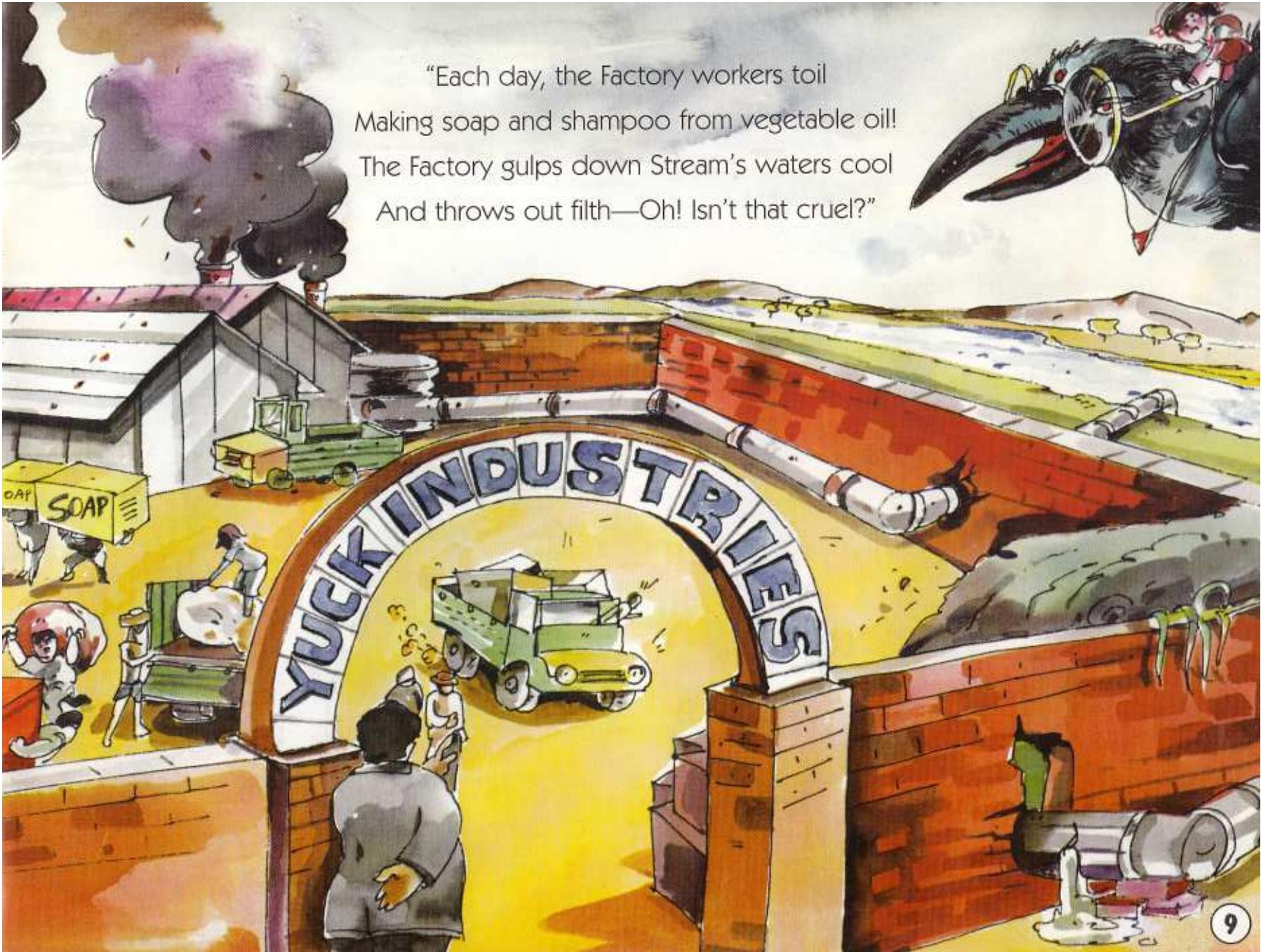
"What's happened to dear Stream?" Anju cried  
"Why does it stink, why's it all dried?"  
The Crow looked at Anju, scratched her beak  
Coughed twice, and began to speak...



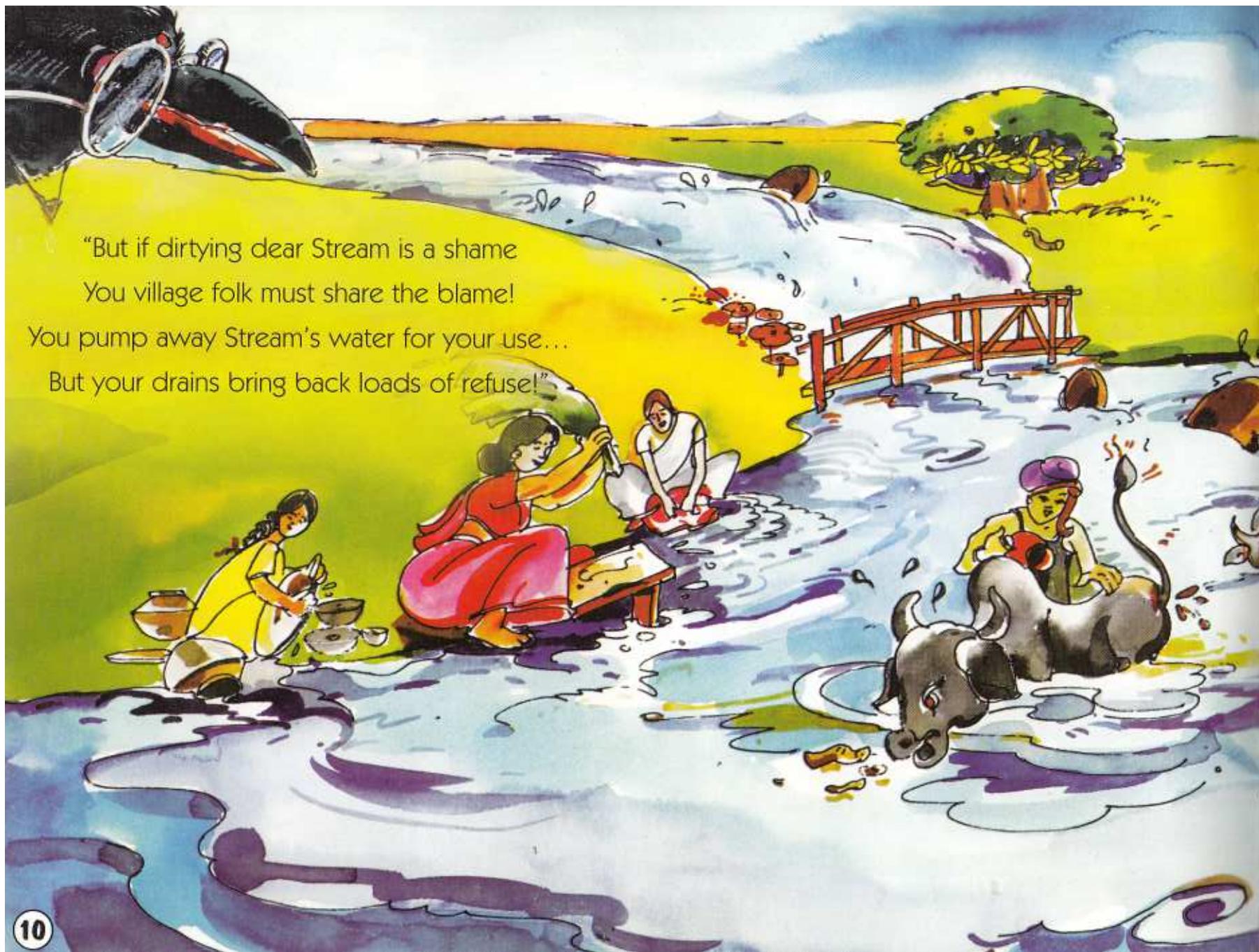


"Alas! There's a new Factory upstream  
It belches black smoke and dirty steam  
It came in your summer holiday  
And now, it refuses to go away!"





"Each day, the Factory workers toil  
Making soap and shampoo from vegetable oil!  
The Factory gulps down Stream's waters cool  
And throws out filth—Oh! Isn't that cruel?"

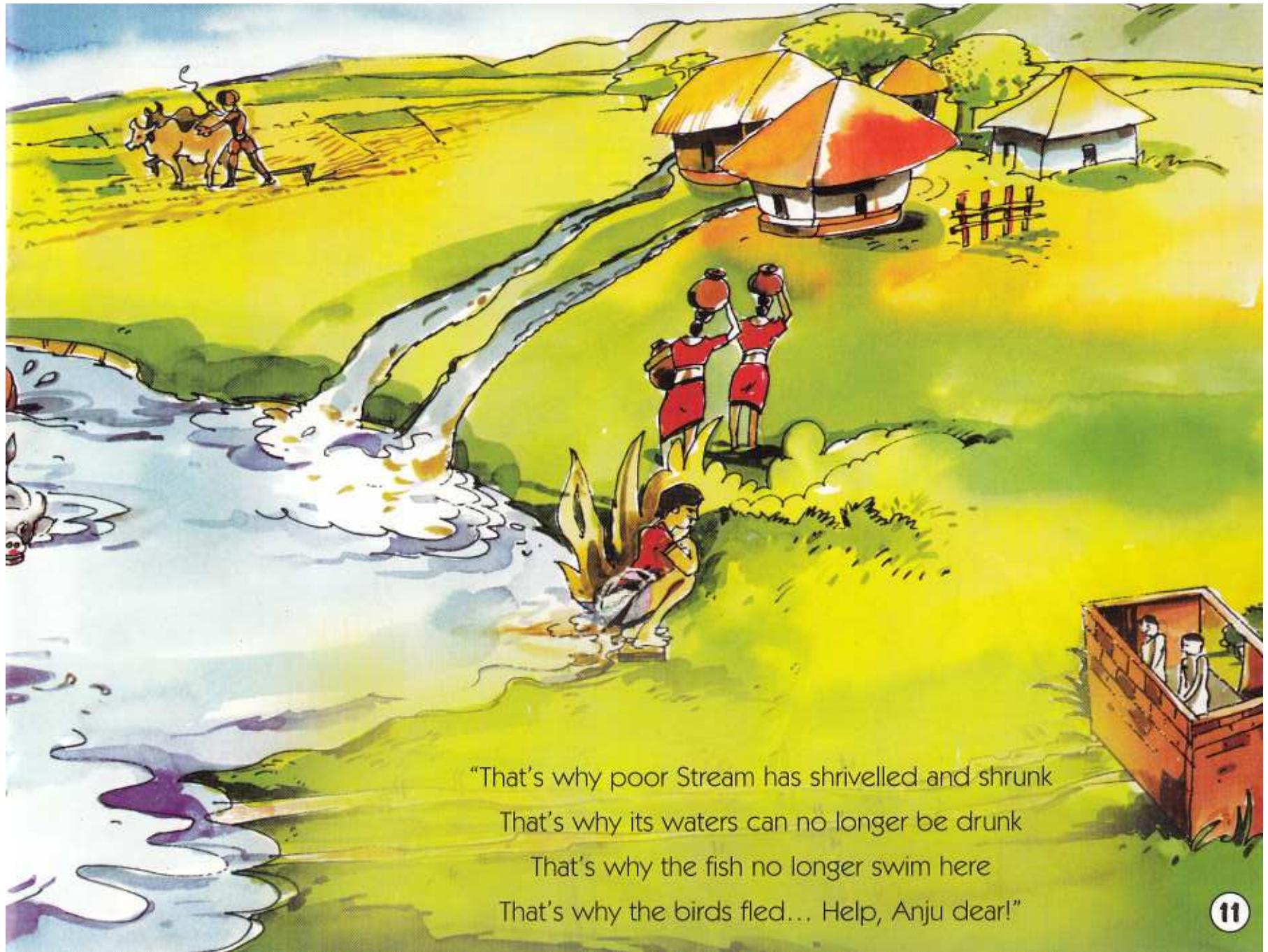


"But if dirtying dear Stream is a shame

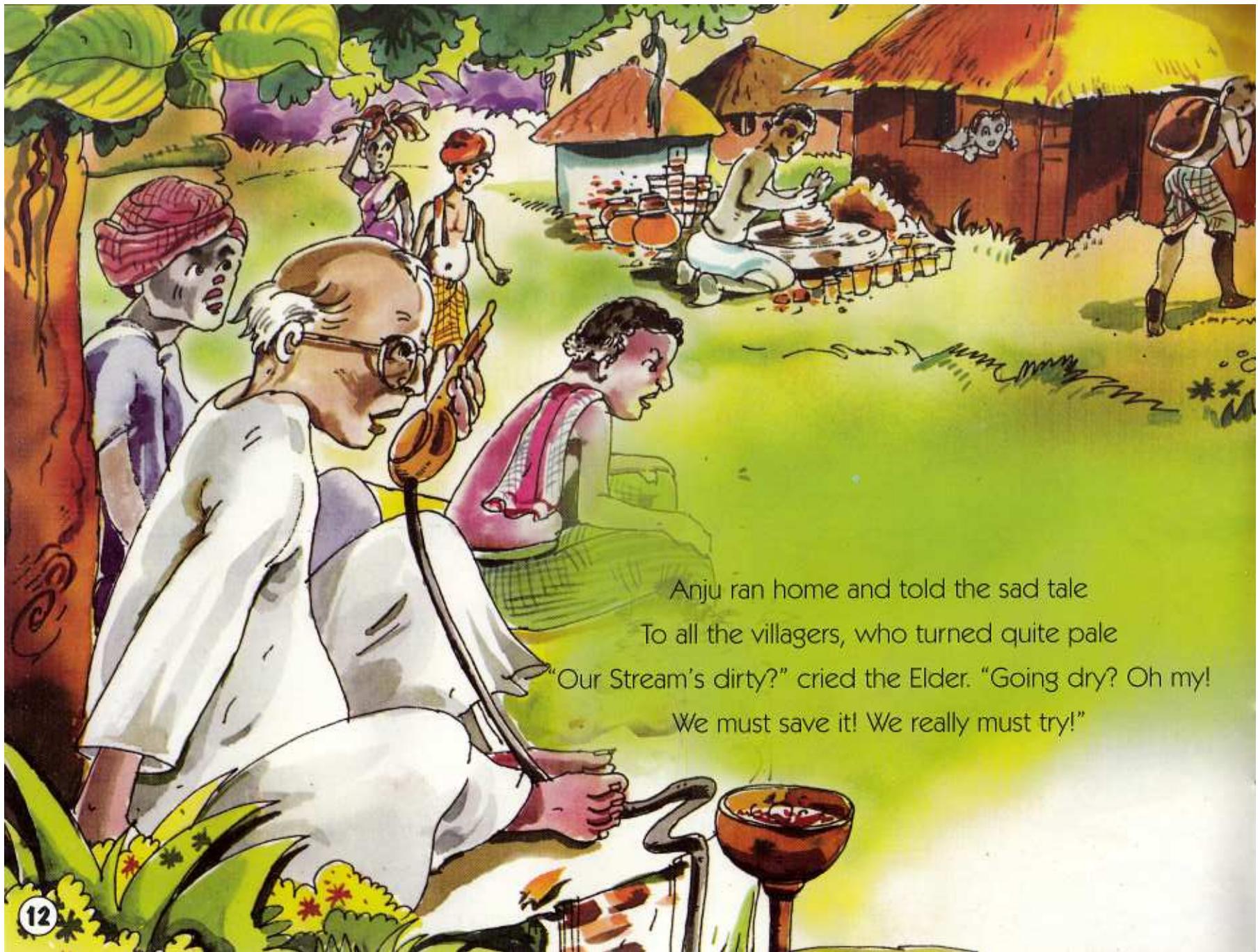
You village folk must share the blame!

You pump away Stream's water for your use...

But your drains bring back loads of refuse!"



"That's why poor Stream has shrivelled and shrunk  
That's why its waters can no longer be drunk  
That's why the fish no longer swim here  
That's why the birds fled... Help, Anju dear!"

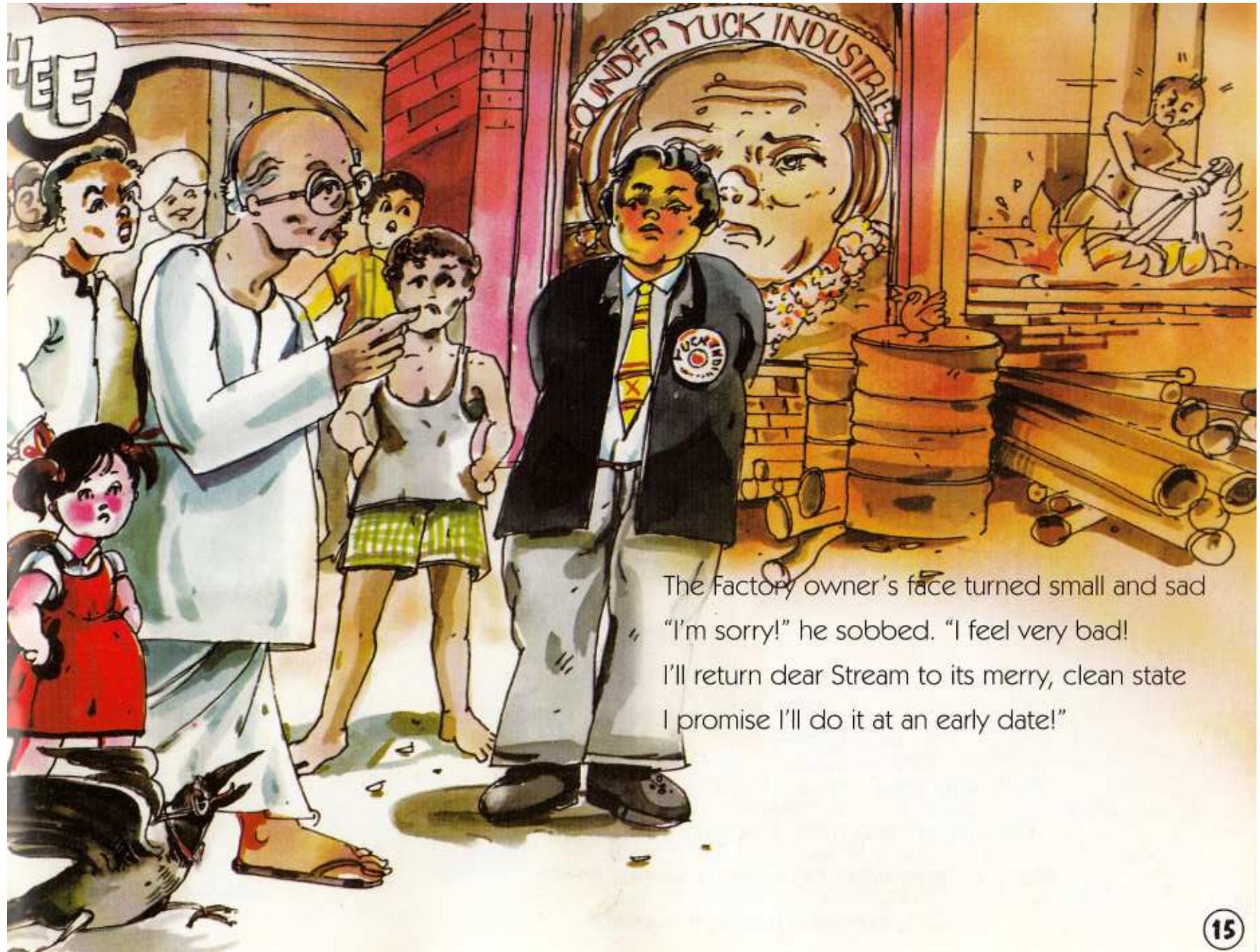




"Soap won't clean up Stream's waters black  
Shampoo will not bring its fish back  
There's only one thing to do—ah yes!  
We must ask the Factory to clean up its mess!"



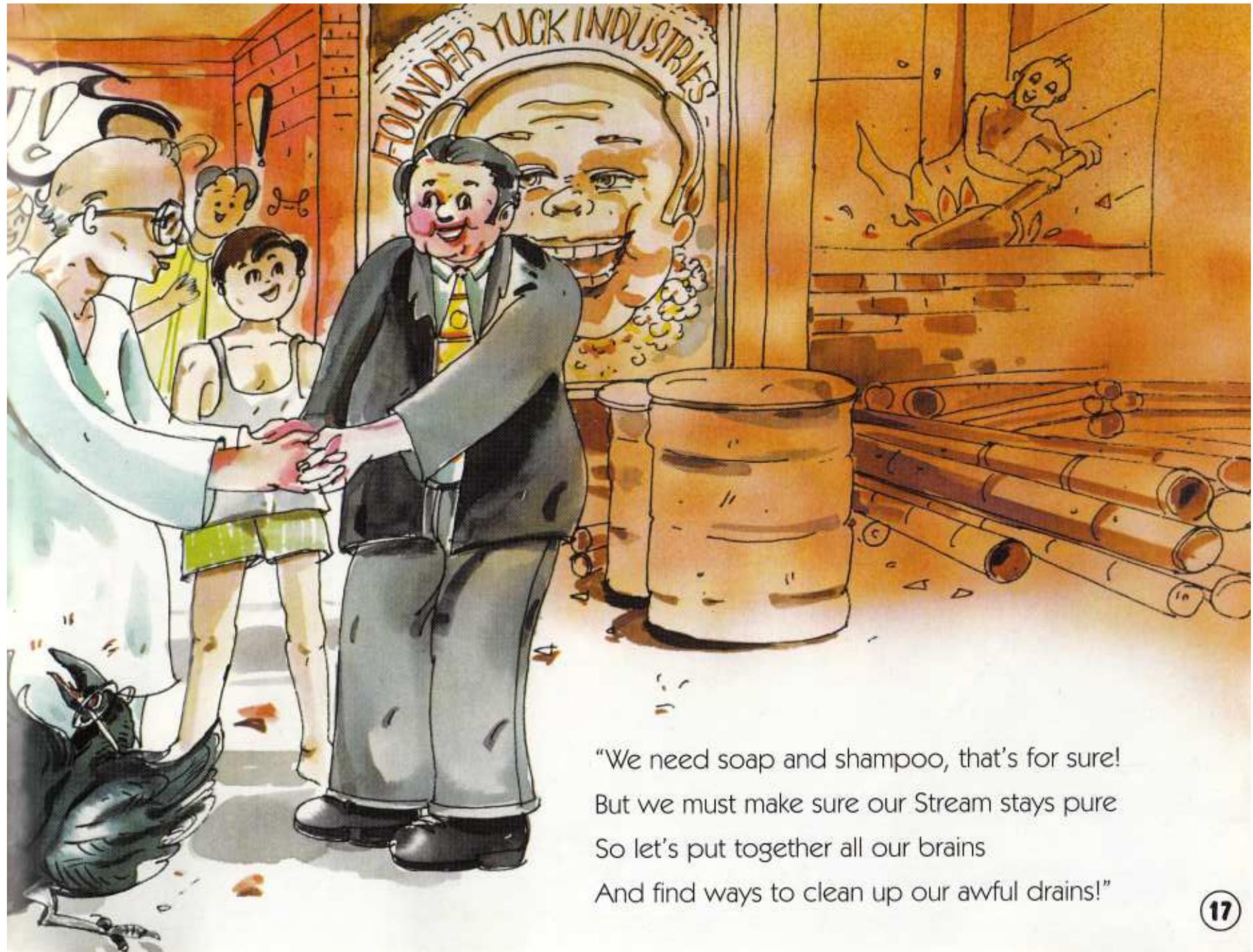
The villagers marched up to the Factory  
Met the owner and cried "Chee ! Chee !  
It's a shame that our dear Stream's waters blue  
Are dirtied by you for soap and shampoo!"



The Factory owner's face turned small and sad  
"I'm sorry!" he sobbed. "I feel very bad!  
I'll return dear Stream to its merry, clean state  
I promise I'll do it at an early date!"

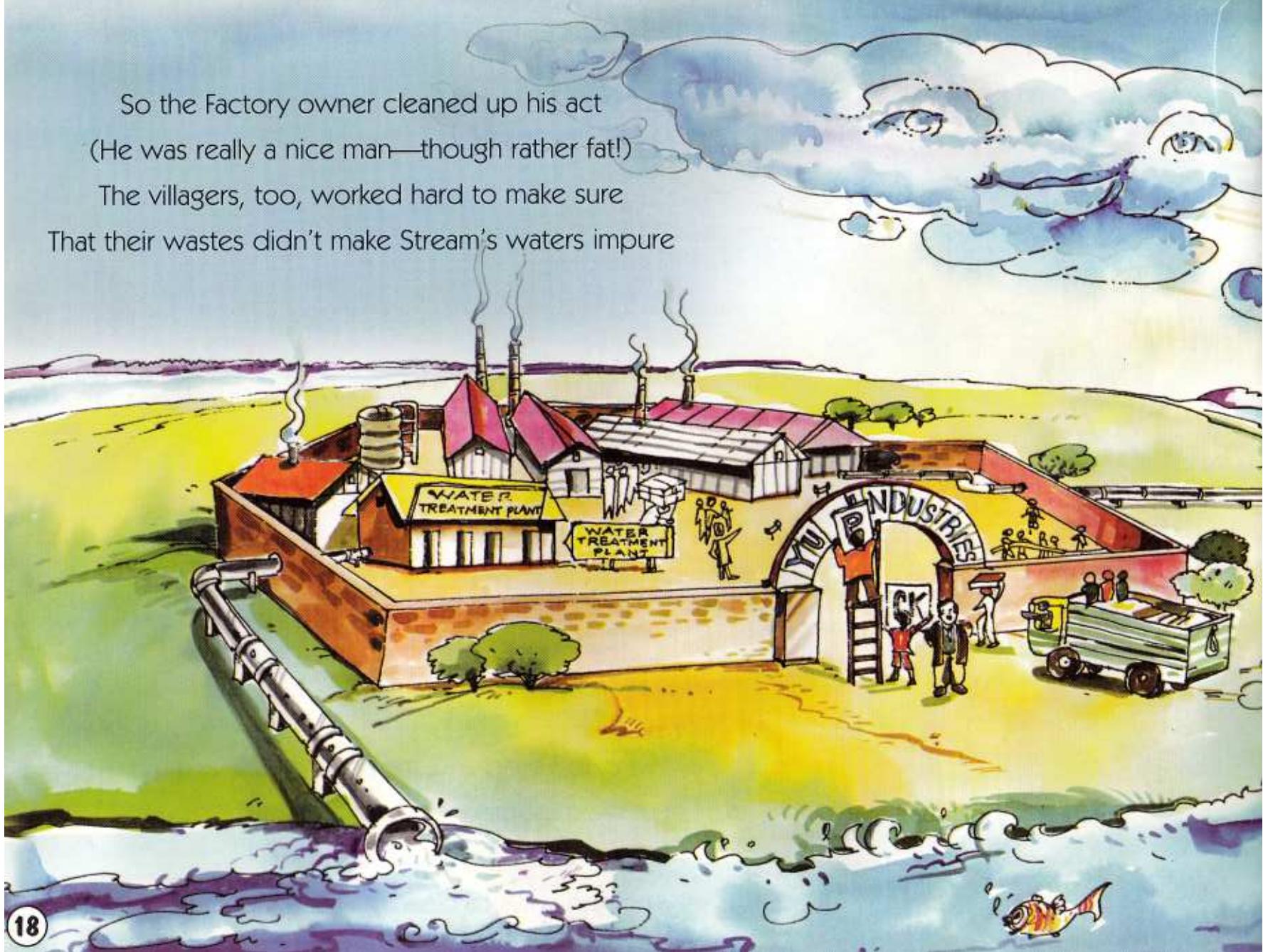


"We'll help you!" replied the Elder, "For, in fact  
We villagers too need to clean up our act!  
Many villagers work here—your wages are fair  
So we too have a role in this affair!"



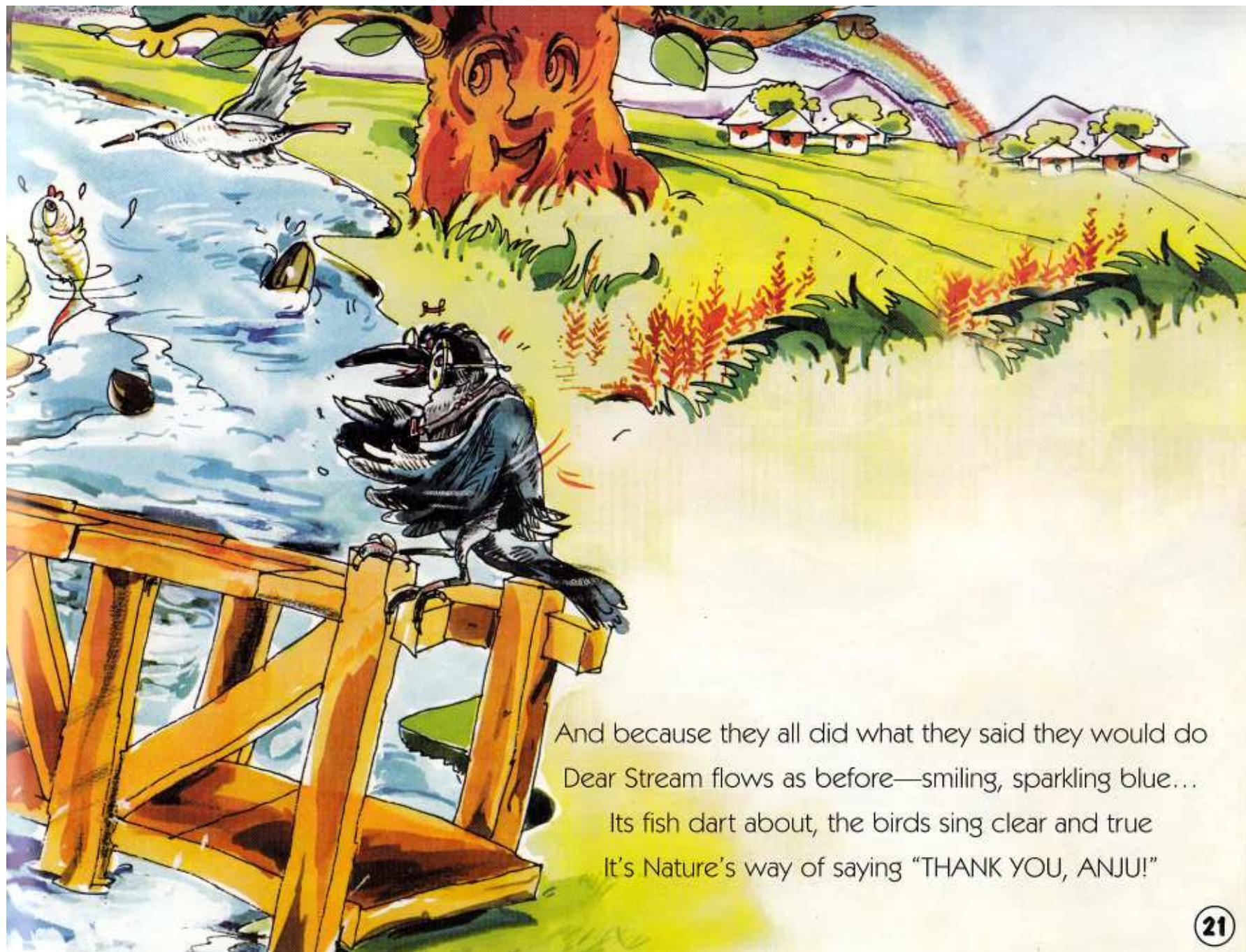
"We need soap and shampoo, that's for sure!  
But we must make sure our Stream stays pure  
So let's put together all our brains  
And find ways to clean up our awful drains!"

So the Factory owner cleaned up his act  
(He was really a nice man—though rather fat!)  
The villagers, too, worked hard to make sure  
That their wastes didn't make Stream's waters impure

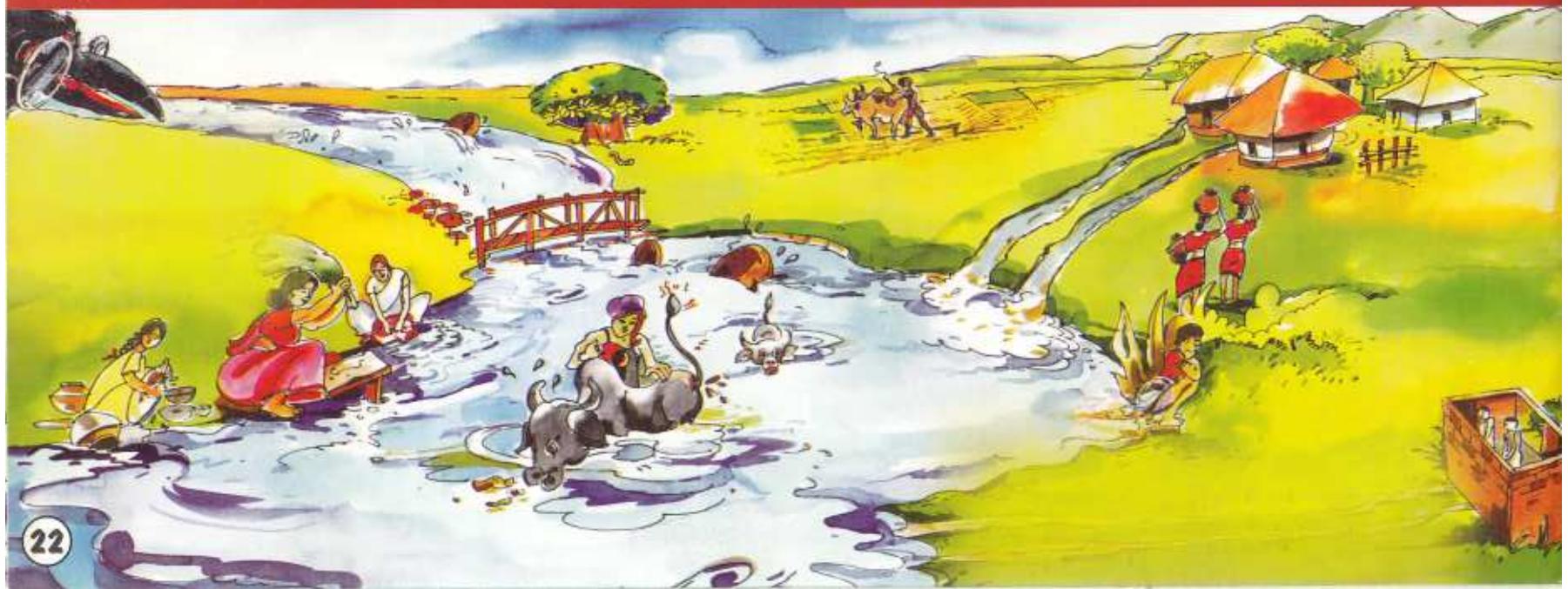


Together they worked out a nice new scheme  
To manage with less water from the Stream  
They saved water and reused it where they could  
And that did dear Stream a lot of good!



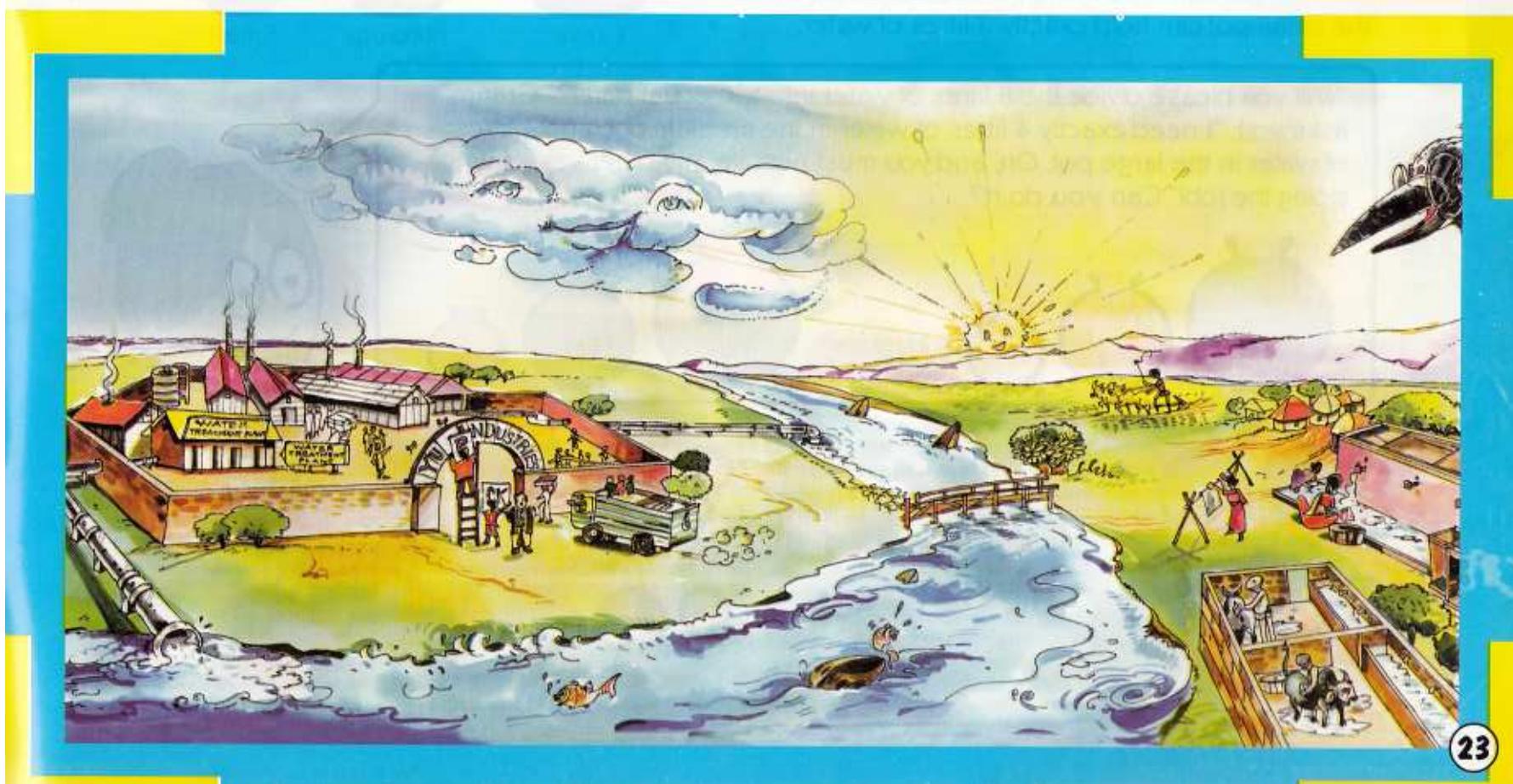


And because they all did what they said they would do  
Dear Stream flows as before—smiling, sparkling blue...  
Its fish dart about, the birds sing clear and true  
It's Nature's way of saying "THANK YOU, ANJU!"



## Before and After!

On the left, you can see how the factory and the villagers polluted Anju's favourite stream. On this page, you can see how they tried to clean it up. They tried to do the same things differently. Can you spot the differences?



# Pottery Puzzle

Granny needs your help!

There are three pots – large, medium and small. The large pot has exactly 8 litres of water in it. The medium and small pots are empty. However, the medium pot can hold exactly 5 litres of water, and the small pot can hold exactly 3 litres of water.



"Will you please divide the 8 litres of water into two equal parts?" Granny asks you. "I need exactly 4 litres of water in the medium pot, and 4 litres of water in the large pot. Oh, and you must not use any other vessel while doing the job!" Can you do it?



1. Fill the small pot again from the large pot. The pots will look like this:
  
2. Fill the small pot again from the large pot. The pots will look like this:
  
3. Empty the medium pot's contents (5 litres) into the large pot. Then, empty the small pots' contents (1 litre) into the medium pot. The pots now look like this:
  
4. Now fill the small pot from the large pot. Pour its contents into the medium pot, and then pour its contents into the large pot. You've done the job!!

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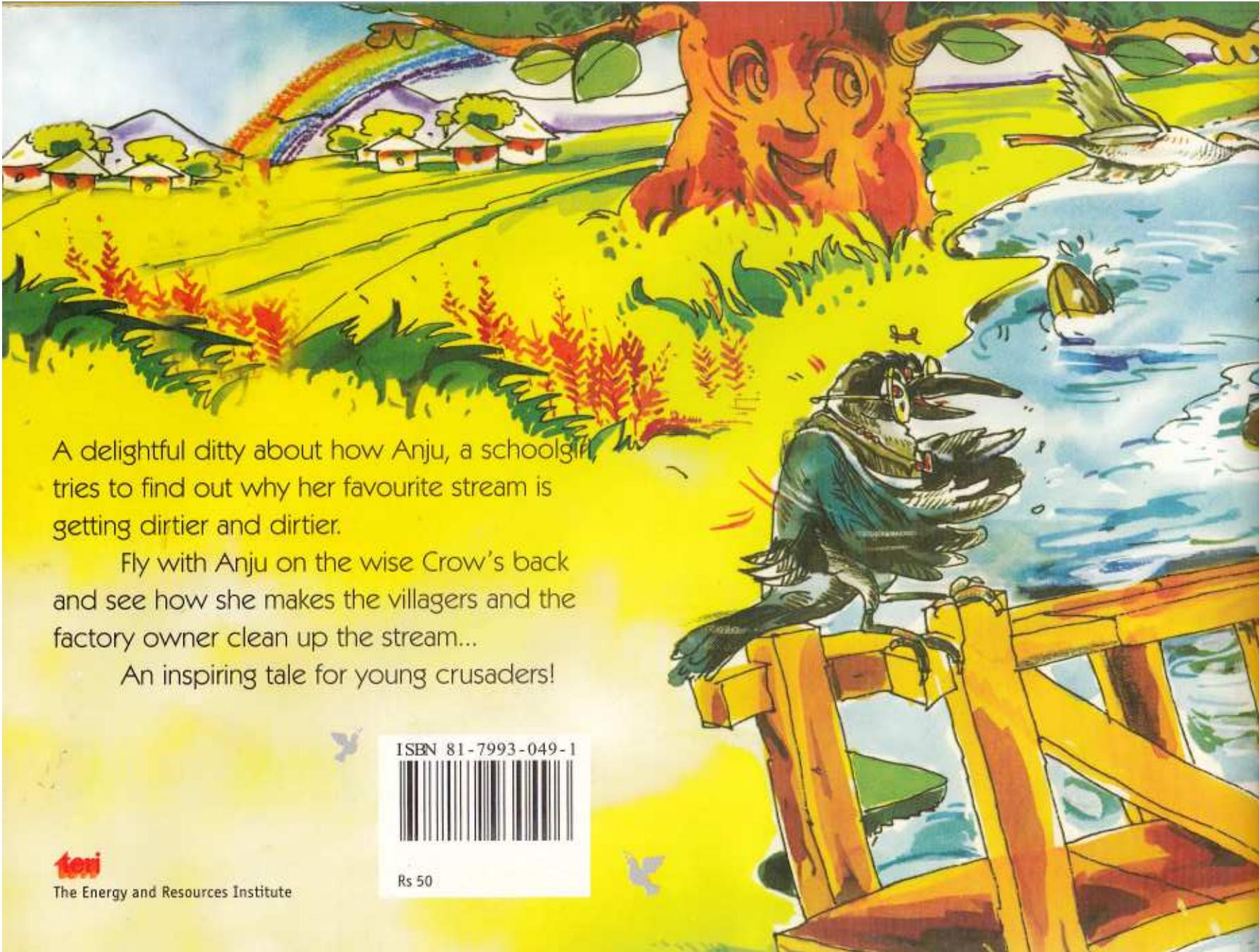
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